

ABSTRACT

5 DNA sequences coding for a TNF-binding protein and for  
the TNF receptor of which this protein constitutes the  
soluble domain. The DNA sequences can be used for preparing  
10 recombinant DNA molecules in order to produce TNF-binding  
protein and TNF receptor. Recombinant TNF-binding protein is  
used in pharmaceutical preparations for treating indications  
in which TNF has a harmful effect. With the aid of the TNF  
15 receptor or fragments thereof or with the aid of suitable  
host organisms transformed with recombinant DNA molecules  
containing the DNA which codes for the TNF receptor or  
fragments or modifications thereof, it is possible to  
investigate substances for their interaction with the TNF  
receptor and/or for their effect on the biological activity  
of TNF.

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